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1.	Statement						
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1, 3-5	YES			
		Claims		_ NO			
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1, 3-5	YES			
		Claims		_ NO			
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1, 3-5	YES			
		Claims		_ NO			

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1 (JP 2000-107551 A (Oe Kagaku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha), 18 April 2000) indicates that pieces of humidity detection tape (4) for detecting different levels of humidity are attached to the surface of the package (7), indicates that the object to be preserved is covered with a porous film (6) so that the humidity detection tape (4) does not come into direct contact therewith, and indicates that with the exception of the seal section (3a), the surface of the package is provided with an air layer (9) (refer to fig. 3).

Document 2 (JP 1-69951 A (Ekika Tansan Kabushiki Kaisha), 15 March 1989) discloses an indicator wherein the base material is impregnated with a reagent and then a part or the whole of the base material is covered with a thin film of plastic so that the base material is completely shielded from the outside.

Document 3 (JP 63-48455 A (Dainippon Printing Co., Ltd.), 01 March 1988) discloses a test piece wherein an anti-static layer has been provided to at least one part of a section other than the test reagent section.

Document 4 (JP 6-43155 A (Miles Inc.), 18 February 1994 & EP 449017 A & CA 2038167 A & US 5238737 A) discloses diagnostic test pieces that have an anti-static

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finish.

Claims 1 and 3 to 5

The invention set forth in claim 1 of the present application comprises a first film and a second film, which extend beyond the outer peripheral edges of the humidity evaluation plates so that the outer peripheral edges of the films come into direct contact with one another, wherein the first film and the second film press against the portions of the humidity evaluation plates which surround the region where the air layer is located. Furthermore, the configuration in question suppresses the generation of dust from the cut surface at the outer periphery of the base paper, minimizes the amount of dust that is generated, and minimizes the dispersion of dust from the small holes in the film.

The abovementioned configuration is not disclosed or suggested in any of the abovementioned documents.